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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

1. PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING TEXT
OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT HAFIZ
AL-ASAD:

BEGIN TEXT - DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU IN DAMASCUS
AND TO DISCUSS FORTHRIGHTLY THE BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS THAT
ARE OF CONCERN TO US BOTH.

I WAS ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED IN OUR TALKS TOGETHER WITH THE
GREAT IMPORTANCE YOU ATTACH TO A UNIFIED ARAB POSITION.
I AGREE WITH YOU COMPLETELY ON THIS. IT IS ONLY WITH UNITY
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OF PURPOSE THAT THE MAJOR ARAB GOVERNMENTS COMMITTED TO A
JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT CAN ACHIEVE THEIR AIMS. YOU
CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE UNITED AND AFFIRMATIVE STANCE TOWARD
PEACE THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE MAJOR ARAB STATES -- AND
WHICH YOU PERSONALLY HAVE HELPED DEVELOP -- WILL CONTINUE
TO RECEIVE OUR WARMEST ENCOURAGEMENT.

COMING AS IT DID AT THE END OF MY VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST,

YOUR EXPLANATIONS OF SYRIA'S POSITION ON THE VARIOUS
ISSUES RELATING TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE HELPED PUT ALL
THE IMPRESSIONS I HAD PREVIOUSLY GAINED INTO A SHARPER
PERSPECTIVE. I DEEPLY RESPECT THE CANDOR AND FREEDOM WITH
WHICH YOU SHARED YOUR VIEWS WITH ME.

PRESIDENT CARTER IS AS DELIGHTED AS I AM THAT THERE WILL
BE AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE FOR THE
TWO OF YOU TO MEET. IN LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING THIS
MEETING, I WILL CONTINUE TO RECALL HOW VERY WARMLY AND
GRACIOUSLY YOU EXTENDED THE JUSTLY FAMOUS HOSPITALITY OF
YOUR PEOPLE TO ME AND MY PARTY ON OUR VISIT TO YOUR LOVELY
COUNTRY. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE - END TEXT.

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL COMING BY POUCH.
VANCE

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